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LUCKY WINNER!

Shown on the picture on the right is Charlie Morrison KI5XP, AARA Club President (r.) presenting Danny Daigle KD5JSM (l.) a Icom V8 Sport VHF handi-talkie.

Each year some lucky club member is randomly selected by a drawing to receive this prize. In order to be eligible for the drawing, you must attend a monthly general meeting and be a paid member in good standing. At each meeting a sign-in roster is passed around for all attending the meeting. The club secretary (Randy Castille N5MLJ in this case) takes the roster and enters each members name into the sealed canister. On the meeting after our annual hamfest, a name is pulled from the pool and he or she is the lucky winner.



CONGRADUATIONS DANNY!

This is one way the AARA stimulates attendance at our General Meetings. Another way is offering door prizes to members and non-members at the meeting. Again we use the sign-in roster for this purpose. Each name is given a number and a number is pulled from a canister if it matches the name with that number - "you win!". Door prizes are donated from anyone that wants to bring a gift to the meetings. The club furnishes refreshments after each meeting.

You are welcome to attend our meetings which are generally held the first Thursday of each month at the Red

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Now that the Hamfest is behind us, the next event we're looking forward to is Field Day. John's overseeing of the trailer project was absolutely fantastic. I have the paperwork for the permanent license and need to head over to the DMV to take care of that. The mounting hardware for the rotator and all the necessary parts are ready for use for our Field Day on June 28th and 29th. We'll discuss this further at the next meeting and start gathering volunteers for the various tasks that need to be taken care of. I haven't heard from anyone yet as to what they want for field day so please let me know. I'd much rather have suggestions and requests before, as opposed to put-off members who didn't get what they want AFTER the fact.

Dick has completed the Echolink project on the 147.040 repeater and those interested in its operation should contact Dick at the club meetings or on one of the local repeaters. For those not familiar with Echolink, it's a new way of tying the repeater into the Internet and allowing world wide qso's via 2 meters. Anyone licensed for 2 meters can work the world. Thanks for an excellent job Dick!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday May 1, 2008 - 7 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM - Door Prizes

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

A.R.C.O.O. S.

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Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

OAARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 pl 103.5 Opelousas, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA
Acadia Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.240 pl 127.3 Crowley, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5
YL/XYL / Filly Net 7:00 PM
146.820

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

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each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
American Red Cross Building
101 North Pat Street Scott, LA



Piney Hills ARC Hotdog Social

Hey everybody, the PHARA club in Ruston, LA is again inviting you to the annual "Hotdog Social" on May 24th, 2008 (note date change).

This get together is another way to promote amateur radio and to foster friendships with various other Louisiana amateur radio clubs.

This event is held at "Cook Park" which is located about 3/4 of a mile North of I-20 there in Ruston. Driving instructions from I-20 in Ruston are as follow:

Take Exit #84, take Cooktown Road and travel North thru Ruston until you cross W. Kentucky Avenue and then continue North until you come to Cook Park. Cook Park is located on the right hand side of Cooktown Road as you are traveling North.

For more info contact:

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Time is 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
VE Testing at 9:00 AM
Chow time at 12:00 Noon

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A group of us will be heading up to Dayton again this year. Roland, Nick, Dr. Charlie Fontenot, Dr. Pat Sonnier, myself, and a few friends from out of state will make the annual trek to Hamvention. For me, this is my annual vacation, and what better place to spend it? Along with all the new gizmos, radios and other toys, you get to visit with other hams from all around the world. If anyone needs that special part, please let us know before hand so we can arrange to pick it up for you. Oversize loads can be handled by Dr. Pat, but you'll have to wait about 2 weeks after the show, as he'll be heading to his new Maine contest station for work.

Our meeting will be this Thursday the May 1st. Anyone wanting to test, please be sure to arrive before 6:00 pm, have your \$14, a copy of your license if you have one, and your drivers license handy. Testing begins promptly at 6:00 with the meeting to follow.

Have a great month and 73's
Charlie
KI5XP

April VE Test Session

Here are the results from the April General Meeting test session.

David J. Pierce KE5TPW upgraded from General to Extra.

Timothy W. Sonnier N5RKK upgraded from General to Extra.

Barry W. Cooper of Plaquemine passed Technician. He was assigned KE5TVJ.

Charles A. Monteleone of Lafayette passed Technician. No call sign issued due to incomplete Social Security information.

The VE's for this session were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Roland Guidry NA5Q
Charles Morrison KI5XP

73

Danny K5ARH

Mother's Day
May 11, 2008



SATURDAY MAY 3rd
0700

Fund Raiser

On Sunday April 13th, a meeting of the members of the *Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club* agreed to have a fund raiser garage sale to help defray the cost of erecting the antenna of the 147.150 club repeater to the new tower location.

As most of you may already know, the repeater had to vacate the old site in West Carencro due to the tower owners removing their tower. A new site has been established but funds are somewhat

stretched to our limits, so therefore this is one option.

The sale will take place on Saturday May 3rd @ 0700 at the Jockey Lot Flea Market on I-49 frontage road near Hub City Ford. Anyone wanting to donate items such as clothes, bric-a-brack, household goods, electronics, etc. will be greatly appreciated and it will go to a good cause. Also, anyone wanting to help with this project will be appreciated.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO GET THE 147.15 BACK ON THE AIR!

Questions? Call Dick or Katie Melcher at 337-896-1397

Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net Picnic

The annual Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net Picnic will take place on Saturday June 21st at the Many Fire Station, 1710 San Antonio Ave., Many, Louisiana 71149 starting around 11:00 am and lasting most of the day. This event is hosted by the **Amateur Radio Club Of Sabine Parish**.

This will be a "old fashioned southern style cookout" which will consist of hamburgers, hot-dogs, sausage, hotlinks and all the fix-ins.

Among the other things going on will be a swap-fest, VE testing. A auction will be held of used radio equipment to help pay the expenses of this picnic. Best of all, a lot of "eyeball qso contacts" with those folks that check in on the CGCHN that takes place at 2000 local or 0100Z on 3935 KHz each evening.

It is requested that you might want to bring some lawn chairs and fold out tables just in case we have more people show up than anticipated.

This will be a fun event and hope you can make it. Mark your calendar!

Robert KG5YK



Talk-in 147.280 pl 173.8

ARRL FIELD DAY STATION LOCATOR

If you are interested in attending a local Field Day group in your area, you may want to do a search at the website listed below. If your club is participating in Field Day, you may want to add it to the data base. Just follow the directions. A map location of the site, call used and city is listed.

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php>

7th Annual A.R.C.O.S. Cookout & Swapmeet

May 17, 2008
10 AM - 3PM

Sponsored by the Amateur Radio Club of Shreveport.

LOCATION: Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Park.

ENTRANCE FEE TO PARK: \$1.00 /person (tell them you're there for the "Ham Cookout").

TALK-IN: 146.670

FREE FOOD: (\$3.00 suggested minimum donation). Coffee & doughnuts available for early-bird arrivals. ACROS will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts, drinks, and all the trimmings. Lunch served from 12 noon to 1:30 pm.

SWAPMEET: Buy, sell, or trade ham gear, accessories, crafts, etc. in the covered pavilion.

D-STAR Demonstration PRIZE DRAWING

1st Prize - ICOM IC-2200H - 2 meter mobile rig.

2nd Prize - ICOM IC-V82 - 2 meter handi-talkie.

Other prizes drawn throughout the day.

TICKETS: \$1.00 each (you do not have to be present for 1st & 2nd prizes).

DIRECTIONS: (From Bossier City)

Exit I-20 on Airline Drive, go North on Airline 7.9 miles and turn right on Linton Road, go East 4.3 miles to Cypress Black Bayou Gate, which will be on your right.

CONTACT: Kelly KD5SPO
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Memorial Day—May 26th

FYI

Louisiana amateur radio operators would like to welcome our new Louisiana Section Manager Gary Stratton K5GLS. Gary officially took office on April 1, 2008. Gary replaced Mickey Cox K5MC who served numerous years as LA Section Manager.

Filling the void left by Gary Stratton will be Jim Coleman AI5B of Washington Parish as the new Louisiana ARES Section Manager. Jim has been the NCS for the Louisiana ARES Net that meets on Sunday evenings at 1930 local time on 3873 KHz and is doing a great job. His signal can be heard strong and clear all over the state and surrounding states also.

We can be assured that both Gary and Jim will do their appointed jobs to the fullest of their abilities and will receive the support of all amateur radio operators in the state.

James W. Hale KC5BNI - SK

LAFAYETTE - Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 1 pm in the Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers, for James W. Hale, 67, who died Saturday, Apr. 19, 2008.

James was a very hard worker, a wonderful storyteller, an avid hunter and fisherman, a talented photographer, a lover of nature and wildlife, and a writer and lover of poetry, if only to name a few. Jim was a wonderful conversationalist who could hold the attention of anyone who listened. He was a "Jim" of all trades, and put his whole heart into everything that he did. It seems that once he put his mind into it, there was nothing that Jim could not figure out. His carpentry skills were superb and enjoyed working with his hands.

James was at one time a active member of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. with a Technician license. He renewed his license in April 2003. James resided in Lafayette at the time of his death.

May 2008 Special Events & Contests

May 1 - May 4	KØE - Emmett Kelly <i>Weary Willy</i> Clown Days. Houston, MO
May 3	W5AUU - Toad Suck Daze Festival SE. Conway, AR
May 3 & 4	KØHST - Celebrating former Harry S. Truman's Birthday. Independence, MO
May 9 - 25	W9IMS - 92nd running of the Indy 500. Indianapolis, IN
May 10	W8SP —Commemorating the first official observance of Mother's Day from the International Mother's Day Shrine. Grafton, WV
May 10 & 11	N6ACS - Fire Service Recognition Day. Encino, CA
May 18	K2A - Coastal Artillery Day. Sandy Hooks, NJ
May 24	K3ARS — Reenactment of the British Tea dumped into the Chester River. Chestertown, MD
May 24	NI6IW - USS Midway (CV 41) Commemorating Memorial Day. San Diego, CA
May 26	W5KID — USS Kid Observing Memorial Day. Baton Rouge, LA

Numerous other Special Event Stations will be operating on Memorial Day May 26.

These are just a few of the Special Events & Contests Check QST or ARRL Website for details and QSL information.



5/11	DEBORAH	KD5VDK
5/18	LINDA	KE5HSY
5/26	KATHY	KD5TJZ
5/26	CHARLIE	KI5XP
5/28	KATIE	KA6RKI
6/1	JOHN	W4JHC
6/5	KAREN	KE5RPI
6/6	MARK	KE5NTW



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

Northeast Louisiana Regional Ham RadioFest Grand Prize Winners

First Grand Prize

Yaesu FT-450AT HF Mobile
Jim Bookter—N5NVP
Scott, LA

Second Grand Prize

Yaesu VX-3R HT
J.D. Miller Sr.—W5MRT
West Monroe, LA

Third Grand Prize

MFJ Power Supply
Grady Ebert—KB5SDU
Natchitoches, LA

Helmet Cam goes to Dayton Hamvention

Please get the word out again to all the hams that we will be broadcasting live video and audio of the Dayton Hamvention again this year. In addition to the video, hams around the world can join in on the website chat room. We are viewed each year in 150 countries and bring the Hamvention experience to those that can not make it in person.

The fun starts live on Wednesday May 14th at about 0800 CDT as we depart Memphis, TN for our 550 Mile drive to Dayton. We will be broadcasting the drive live and people can have fun trying to guess where we are or comment about what food we are eating as we wear the "**Helmet Cam**" into the restaurants. We will also be transmitting live on Thursday May 15th as we set up our flea market space 3350-3351. If we have time we might broadcast again from the Air Force Museum on Thursday afternoon. Then we will broadcast the entire show live Friday – Sunday. At approx 1:00 pm on Sunday we will start our 550 mile drive back to Memphis and will broadcast it live.

The Hamvention website has a link to our site in case someone forgets our address.

The address to join in on the fun is: <http://wa5kub.com> or: <http://w5kub.com>

I changed my call this year to W5KUB (dropped the "A")

You can get lots of other information about this on our website. There are maps there showing our route, and also links that explain how we do this.

Thanks and hope to see you there.

Tom Medlin W5KUB



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Hamvention website: <http://hamvention.org/>

If you ever wanted to see the world's largest hamfest, this is the one to see. If you can't attend, see it on the web.

HEAL NET

Be sure to check in on the HEAL NET every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 1:00 PM local time on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette. Larry KE5KJD is our Net Control Station at this time but will appreciate anyone wishing to help out as NCS on occasions.

April 2008 HEAL Net Report

DATE:	Medical Personnel	Guest	Medical Facilities	Time / Traffic
4/04/08	7	4	7	9 min/0
4/18/08	6	8	5	18 min/0

GET READY FOR THE 2008 HURRICANE SEASON

It's that time of year when preparation for the hurricane season ratchets up -- earlier this month, Orlando, Florida hosted the 30th annual National Hurricane Conference, and state and county Emergency Management Agencies are currently checking plans and assets for the upcoming season. Rick Palm, K1CE, editor of the ARRL's ARES E-Letter, said, "Now is the time for ARES members to assess their portfolio of communications equipment and disaster response knowledge." Hurricane season runs June 1-November 30.

Monitor major HF hurricane networks during events this season. The Hurricane Watch Net on 14.325 MHz, is one of several key players.

Palm said that during hurricane events, there are usually two or three regional nets (usually on 40 or 20 meters) that spring to prominence as major key assets to the disaster response on an ad hoc basis. "Watch for these nets, as well as the nationally recognized networks described above, this season. Don't transmit on their frequencies unless you are absolutely sure you have something substantive to add, and then only under the direction of the net control station," Palm advised.

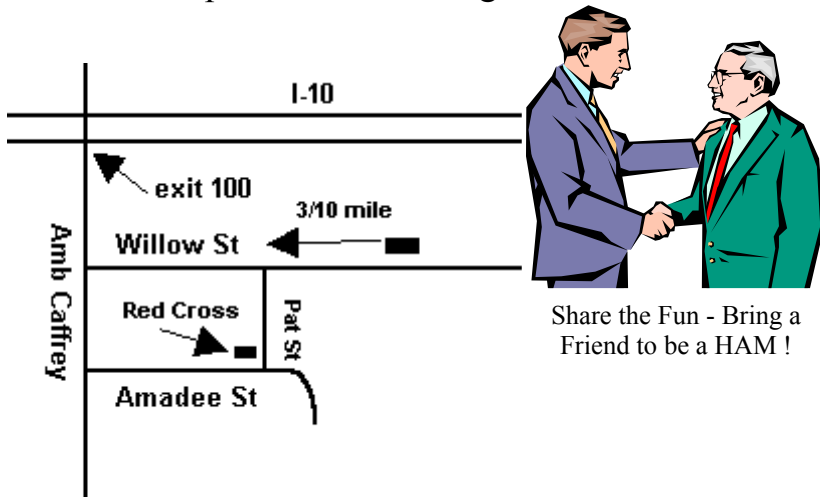
See the Hurricane Watch Net's Web site "<http://www.hwn.org/>" for more information. The net works closely with the hams at the NHC's Amateur Radio station WX4NHC <http://www.wx4nhc.com/>

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AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday May 1, 2008—7:00 PM
VE Testing at 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

COMPLEMENTARY
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Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

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| 2 lbs. extra-lean ground beef | 1 large head cabbage |
| 1/2 cup chopped onion | 12 oz. can beer |
| 1 cup cooked rice | 1/2 cup brown sugar |
| 1/2 cup chopped celery | 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar |
| 2 large eggs | 6 oz. can tomato sauce |
| 16 oz. can tomato sauce | |

Step 1: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix ground beef, onion, rice, celery, eggs and 1/4 of 16 ounce can of tomato sauce.

Step 2: Boil whole cabbage 15 minutes on low heat, drain. This can be done in advance. Remove leaves, cut off core from each leaf. Wrap meat mixture in leaves, roll up, tuck in ends.

Step 3: Place in roasting pan, skin side down. Mix remaining tomato sauce from 16 ounce can with beer, brown sugar and vinegar. Pour over stuffed cabbage and cover.

Step 4: Bake for 1/2 hour, reduce oven to 250 degrees and continue to bake for 3 1/2 hours. Uncover, pour on 6 ounce can tomato sauce, bake additional 1 1/2 hours. These may be made a day ahead.

Reprinted from: COOKS.COM website.

Send your favorite recipe to:
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FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscmm@fcc.gov. Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245